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SUBJECT: FY 1975 SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY FUND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
PROGRAMS - EGYPT

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1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE EMBASSY HAS SUBMITTED COMBINED FY-1975 SFCP SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PACKAGE TO THE GOE AT MINISTER FAHMY'S REQUEST FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO RELEASING ANY FUNDS FOR NEW PROJECTS. PRINCIPAL FOCUS FOR THIS APPROVAL HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED BY FAHMY TO NORTH AMERICAN DEPARTMENT, MFA. AMBASSADOR TOHAMI AND HIS STAFF HAVE DECIDED TO SET UP A SPECIAL OFFICE TO HANDLE THESE PROGRAMS. GIVEN THE NEWNESS OF THE SUBJECT TO THEM AND THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE MINISTER IN THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT, WE EXPECT THAT APPROVAL FOR THESE PROJECTS WILL BE DELAYED A FEW MORE WEEKS. IN THE MEANTIME, AMBASSADOR TUHAMI HAS GIVEN HIS APPROVAL FOR THE EMBASSY TO CONTINUE TO DISPERSE FUNDS FOR THE MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED PROGRAMS ALREADY APPROVED. FYI;; WHILE WE DID NOT INSIST ON THIS APPROVAL PROCESS, WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO EXPEDITE MATTERS. WE ARE NOT, HOWEVER, IN A POSITION TO PUSH THIS AS BEING VITAL TO

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THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES IN ITS RELATIONS

WITH EGYPT. IT IS NOW UP TO THE GOE TO ORGANIZE
ITSELF
TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED FORMAL APPROVAL.
END FYI.

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT INFORMING
ALL THE AGENCIES INVOLVED OF THE PROGRESS TO DATE
AND URGING THEM TO BE PATIENT DURING THIS FIRST
APPROVAL PROCESS. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF THE
PROGRESS OF
OUR DISCUSSIONS.

3. THE
EMBASSY IS CONTINUING TO RE-
CEIVE COMPLETED
PROJECTS FROM VARIOUS AGENCIES WITH
INSTRUCTIONS TO PASS THEM TO THE PRINCIPAL EGYPTIAN
INVESTIGATORS FOR SIGNATURE. WE ARE HOLDING THESE
PROJECTS PENDING THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY.
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